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Applicants: Young Chan KO, et al.

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Title: WOOD PULP FIBER MORPHOLOGY
MODIFICATIONS THROUGH
THERMAL DRYING

Customer No. 35844

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Group No. 1731

Examiner: M. S. Alvo

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 16 September 2003, Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group III, drawn to a cellulose product. Claims 54-57 are included in Group III. This election is made without traverse. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

Applicants further request amendment of the above-identified patent application as presented in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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